GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6624
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
REQUIREMENT OF WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways projected a requirement of 3,00,000 wagons during the last two plan periods but could procure only 44,600 wagons through budgetary sources;

(b) whether to meet the shortfall in wagon requirement the Railways had to borrow from market through IRFC and hadto resort to schemes like OYWS and BOLT; and

(c) if so, the extent to which OYWS and BOLT have helpedthe Railways in achieving the wagon acquisition target as on March 31,2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY C RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6624 BY SHRI VINAY KU SORAKE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.05.2002 REGARDING REQUIREMENT OF WAGONS

(a): The total number of wagons projected for procurement at the beginning of the Eighth and Ninth five year plans was 1,20,000 and 1,36,000 wagons respectively in terms of four wheeler units. The total procurement during Eighth Plan was 96,488 in terms of four wheeler units and in the Ninth Plan is 99,962.5 in terms of four wheeler units. The procurement of 44,600 wagons (in terms of four wheeler units) was funded from Budgetary Support from the General Exchequer, during these last two 5 year plan periods. The balance quantity was funded from Internal Resources and Market Borrowings.

(b): The requirement of wagons is assessed at the beginning of the five year plans and is fine tuned on an annual basis, to assess the requirements of each of the years of the five year period. The annual requirements are based on the freight traffic projected to be moved annually, expected productivity of wagons etc. Being based on more contemporary performance, the annual projections are taken as the basis for procurement of wagons annually and may vary from the assessment done at the inception of a five-year plan period. Corresponding funding is provided for the planned procurement of wagons in the annual budgets and not against any shortfall of wagons.

The distribution of funds for wagon procurement depends on the total funds available from various sources of funds and the priorities for providing funds for investments in various activities, including procurement of wagons. The funds for procurement of wagons for the last two five year plan periods have been provided from Budgetary Support, MarketBorrowings through IRFC,BOLTand OYW schemes as also from Internal Resources.

(c): The total no. of wagons procured through OYWS and BOLT are as below, for the last two 5 year plans:-

Figures in four wheeler units

	No. of wagons procured during 8th Five year Plan	No. of wagons procured during 9th Five year Plan
OYWS	9297.5	7827.5
BOLT	Nil	3000